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Was able discuss business with Prime Minister today for first time since his return from Milan fair. In addition other problems, we discussed MA agreement language (DEPTEL 712). He agreed proposed language paragraph 2 reference telegram "covers problem legally" but felt unable agree it solved political problem.

He then agreed paragraph 3 language meets his desires, but asked that it be re-worded as follows in order provide greater impact:

"The Two Governments agree that, in view of the fact that the military assistance to be furnished under this agreement is to be used only for legitimate self-defense of the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the United Kingdom of Libya, this agreement does not conflict with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations or of the Pact of the League of Arab States of March 22, 1945".

Ben Halim is under pressure from Defense Minister (who called on me while I was there) to get on with signature, but is anxious to have statement "does not conflict with AL Pact" somewhere in text, regardless how many modifying clauses may be added. He feels above wording meets all our requirements and I believe Department will agree..

If above language acceptable, GOL ready to sign after King gives formal authority. Although Ben Halim would still prefer Article 4 (EMBTTEL 593 and DEPTEL 622) changed to conform with Iraqi agreement, he accepted my explanation legislative requirements make revised wording mandatory. Agreement will be signed in duplicate English originals with duplicate Arabic originals to follow after Department reviews.

Request NIAC'T reply in order make possible review by Council Ministers and King and signature prior holiday at end Ramadan.

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